

FUN AND GAMES

A whole new raft of fun and games and non-credit courses will be made available to students, faculty and staff this month with the opening this week of the McKinnon Building.

Mike Elcock, Director of Athletics, said a handbook detailing all the activities which have been made possible by the huge new recreational complex is now available at his office or in the Student Union Building.

The handbook also contains the pool schedule, which makes the commodious 25-meter pool available for general recreational use by the university community several hours during the day and the evening. Having a pool on campus also means, outside of new physical education classes, that there will be water polo, skin-diving courses, swim instruction, and "intra-mural quickies" such as water volleyball, underwater hockey and relays.

"With the new building opening we are now able to offer a large increase in the types of intra-mural sports, recreation activities and courses," Mr. Elcock said. "We have a programme that has something for everybody and we are always interested in considering suggestions for other innovative offerings."

The programme will be restricted to students, faculty and staff, and if instruction courses are full, students belonging to the Alma Mater Society will have priority. At certain times, members of the university will be able to bring their families.

The Athletics programme is comprised of three sections: recreation, instruction, and intra-mural league games.

For recreation, the dance studio, apparatus gym, weight room, pool, squash courts, the main McKinnon gym and the old gym will be available, free of charge, to everyone at designated times.

"This is free time set aside for faculty, staff and students who wish little or no direct competition, but simply an opportunity to participate in physical activity."

This part of the programme is now in operation.



UVic has started off the new year with a new president in the thick of things. Dr. Howard Petch, who has said he prefers direct communication with students, will be living among them, and eating with them, for the first months of his administration. Dr. Petch arrived via plane last week, and one of the first things he did, after grabbing a snack in the Commons Building, was to unpack in what will be his quarters until July: a guest room in Lansdowne Residence. The President, until his appointment took effect January 1, made monthly visits during the fall from the University of Waterloo where he was Academic Vice-President. He will move into University House in July when his family joins him.

In instruction, which begins in the week of January 20, more than 15 courses will be offered, with some of them free of charge. They include golf, squash, gymnastics, survival swimming, skin diving, beginners' swim, social dance, judo, women's self defence, yoga, karate, swim stroke improvement, creative dance, jazz fitness, fitness for women, and springboard diving.

The idea of intra-mural games is to allow staff, faculty and students to meet weekly in light competition in leagues of volleyball, floor hockey, basketball, hockey, soccer and water sports. Equipment, referees, scorekeepers and time-keepers will be provided, and games are scheduled on a regular basis. Competitions begin January 20.

Mr. Elcock said that on occasion university commitments may pre-empt scheduled recreational and instruction time.

McKinnon users may rent a locker for \$2.50, one dollar of which will be returned

when the lock is returned on May 31. The same fee applies for use of a towel service.

For further information, contact Mr. Elcock or Penny Lough, Recreation Co-Ordinator, at Local 355 or 790.

ASTOUNDING STUDENTS

Four teen-age students from the new Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific carried out graduate level work in UVic's Chemistry Department over the holidays, and they astounded the professors who were supervising them.

"It is quite amazing to us," commented Dr. Robert O'Brien last week as these high school whizzes neared completion of their two-week research projects.

Dr. O'Brien supervised research he assigned to Kwok-Leung Li, 17, of Hong Kong, and Lutz Urban, 16, of Bottrop, Germany. Dr. Reg Mitchell did the same for Horst Kowalewski, 17, of Lippstadt,

Germany, and Martin Hallertd, 17, Sweden.

Drs. O'Brien and Mitchell volunteered their expertise in the arrangement made between Dr. A.D. Kirk, Chairman of UVic's Chemistry Department, and Dr. W.C. Tan, Head of Chemistry and Sciences at Pearson, to bring four top students here from the international college which opened this fall on its site at Pedder Bay.

"It turned out to be a two-way street," Dr. O'Brien said. "These students have actually advanced our research."

Aside from the demanding questions asked of them, the professors found there wasn't too much demand on their time in helping the students.

"We got them started, and it was obvious in the first day or two they could do it on their own."

Kwok-Leung Li will probably publish in a scientific journal since his project on monotypes is "helping to advance the modern theory of phospholipides". Lutz Urban was handed a research task on developing a fast and simple method of

determining salt water density and his findings will be of use to oceanographers and possibly to the fisheries industry. This area he knew nothing of until he was given the project.

Dr. Mitchell's two charges are actually upgrading undergraduate lab procedures by their work on the oxidation of styrene.

Dr. Mitchell said Canadian high school students wouldn't have the knowledge to do what these two are doing. "The European system is more selective and it moves students along much faster."

Dr. O'Brien said the Pearson students move at the speed of a good graduate student, because, unlike the average Canadian student, "they have little or no resistance to learning."

It is expected co-operation between UVic and Pearson College will grow and that other departments besides Chemistry will be involved.

Pearson College has an enrolment of 100 students from all over the world. Its graduates will receive an international baccalaureate, entitling them to attend any university of their choice.



An exhibition of Claes Oldenburg "Notes" is being presented in the McPherson Library Gallery until January 30. This is a detail of one in a group of 12 "notepages" by the world-reknown sculpturer, representing the first attempt to put into more permanent form the scribbles and scratches he makes on any handy fragment. Sponsored by the UVic Art Committee, the exhibition can be viewed between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Monday to Saturday. (Reproduction by GEMINI G.E.L., Los Angeles, California.)

NEW JANITORIAL HEAD

Donovan J. Thorndick, 53, has been appointed Superintendent of Janitorial Services, effective January 1, succeeding F.C. Yoxall, 65, who retired December 31.

Mr. Thorndick, who was a driver of the Building and Grounds utility truck, takes charge of a staff of 65 janitors, window-washers and drivers, which Mr. Yoxall saw grow from a total of two when he joined Victoria College in 1961.

Mr. Yoxall was put in charge of Janitorial Services in 1963, with a staff of 10, when the college became UVic.

"We gradually increased as the buildings were erected," he said. Now the campus requires five different janitorial crews under five foremen.

When Mr. Yoxall started as a janitor he also had to cut grass, weed lawns and do odd jobs — all of which now come under other functions of the Building and Grounds department.

Mr. Thorndick, a native of Regina, began with UVic in 1966 as a stack supervisor with McPherson Library after he had retired from 25 years with the Canadian Navy as a photographer.

For the last six years he has been a utility truck driver and until his administrative appointment became effective he was President of Local 917 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.



Dr. Robert O'Brien, above, with his assistant Andrew Feher, shows Lester B. Pearson College students Lutz Urban and Kwok-Leung Li how to use some laboratory equipment while Dr. Reg Mitchell, right, does the same for one of his charges, Horst Kowalewski.



Mr. Thorndick is also a student in his spare time and is nearing completion of a degree in philosophy and history. He is also a part-time student in the new School of Public Administration.

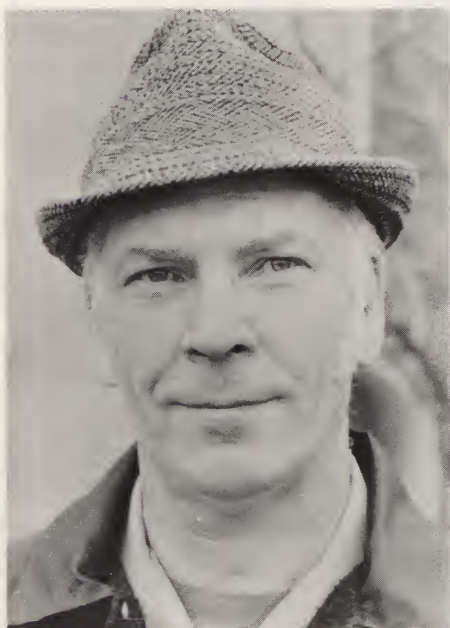
Mr. Yoxall, a native of England, was a dairy farmer in the West Kootenays, before coming to UVic.

He plans "nothing spectacular" for his retirement outside of working in his garden and greenhouse, oil painting, and the odd game of golf.

A reception to honour Mr. Yoxall will be held January 18 at 4 p.m. in the Faculty Club. All staff members are invited.



F.C. YOXALL...retires



DONOVAN THORNDICK...appointed

B.O.G. ELECTIONS

Elected recently to the Board of Governors were Dr. Alfred Fischer (Chemistry) and Dr. I.D. Pal (Economics) and two fourth-year Arts and Sciences students, Frieda Lockhart and Alastair Palmer.

Under the new Universities Act, they will be the first faculty and students to sit on the board.

Meanwhile, Registrar Ron Ferry has announced the election date for one non-academic staff representative on the board.

The election will be conducted by mail on February 10, and the nomination deadline will be 4:30 p.m. on January 13.

In the election among faculty, five persons ran for the two positions. Results are as follows: Dr. Fischer, 120 votes; Dr. Pal, 108; Dr. Sydney Jackman (History), 103; Dr. John Climenhaga (Physics), 87; and Dr. Derrick Sewell (Geography), 59.

Fifteen ran for the two student seats. The count for the winners and runners-up was Mr. Palmer, 360; Ms. Lockhart, 354; Megan Richards (Public Administration), 332; Peter James (Graduate Studies), 264; and Robyn Blencoe (GS), 263.

Present members of the Board of Governors, as well as the Senate, will soon have to be re-appointed or re-elected under the terms of the new Universities Act, at which time the newly elected members will take office.

This awaits a decision by the Provincial Cabinet, which will likely be within the next two months.

NOVELIST TO TALK

Novelist Mordecai Richler will speak "On Being a Canadian Writer" January 16 at 12:30 p.m. in MacLaurin 144.

Mr. Richler is the author of such well-known novels as *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*, *Cocksure* and *The Horseman of St. Urbain's*.

His talk is being sponsored by the Alma Mater Society and the Department of English.

MILITARY SPEAKERS

Eugene Smirnov, the U.S.S.R.'s naval attache for Ottawa, will address Dr. Reginald Roy's History 390 class January 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Roy has also invited in Dr. Barry Leach of Douglas College, who is author of a recent book called *The German*

Invasion of Russia, to speak to the class January 13 on "Hilter's Grand Strategy".

On January 14, U.S. Army Colonel James Agnew will talk on "The Difficulties in Fighting a Coalition War", using Vietnam as an example.

Dr. Roy advises that those who are not enrolled in the class but who wish to attend the talks contact him for permission.

G.S. EXAMINATION

Larry Donald Rose, M.A. candidate in Political Science, will defend his subject area before members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies at 1:30 p.m., January 17, in Cornett 314. His area is "Canadian Politics (B.C. Provincial), Administration Behaviour, Local Government".

LETTER TO EDITOR

I would be grateful if you allow me space to correct a statement attributed to Dr. Patrick Gregory in *Around the Ring*, Volume 3, No. 58, that "people who say they love nature and take interest in the behaviour of birds and mammals are likely to stomp on the first snake they see." This is entirely untrue and would cause much distress to Victoria's bird-watchers, most of whom are very fine naturalists and conservationists.

It was birdwatchers who were the first to report and complain about people capturing garter snakes on campus this spring. It was one of our leading local birdwatchers who was responsible for the discovery of one of Canada's rarest snakes, the sharp-tailed snake, on Pender Island. And it was birdwatchers who drew the attention of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources to the enormous traffic in boa constrictors by the pet trade to satisfy the whims of "snake-lovers" who keep them as pets because they "find their appearance beautiful and colourful".

J.B. TATUM (PHYSICS)

FACULTY NEWS

BIOLOGY

Dr. Alan Austin and Robert Adams, who have been carrying out major research on seaweed beds, presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Naturalists held recently in Vancouver.

The paper was entitled "Quantitative

Ecological Studies on *Iridaea cordata* in Georgia Strait, B.C., Prior to Possible Harvesting" and it outlined the collaborative research being conducted by UVic and the Provincial Government.

CHEMISTRY

Dr. Reginald Mitchell will attend the 1974 Linus Pauling Award Symposium honouring Dr. Ronald Hoffman on January 11 at Oregon State University, Corvallis. The award is given annually by the American Chemical Society to an outstanding chemist.

PHYSICS

Dr. H.S. Sandhu presented a paper entitled "Study of Spin-Lattice Relaxation in Liquid CH_2Br_2 " at a recent general meeting of the American Physical Society at Atlanta, Georgia.

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, January 10

- 12:30pm Fridaymusic. MacLaurin 144. Bruce E. More, baritone, with Ludene Krem, piano, and assisting artists.
- 3:30pm Arts and Science meeting. Elliott 167.
- 7:15pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144. "The Owl and the Pussycat", (USA 1970). Also "The Seven Year Itch" (1955).

SATURDAY, January 11

- 7:15pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144. "The Owl and the Pussycat", (USA 1970). Also "The Seven Year Itch" (1955).

SUNDAY, January 12

- 1:00pm Men's Basketball. UVic new gymnasium. B.C.I.T. vs. UVic Jayvees.

MONDAY, January 13

- 4:00pm Biology Department Seminar. Cunningham 1018. Dr. J. Tatum, Department of Physics. "Selective Advantage".

TUESDAY, January 14

- 7:30pm Bacteriology, Biochemistry Seminar. Clearihue 267. Amin Khouri, Second year Bacteriology: "R-factors and the Goldfish". Verna Lang, Second year Biochemistry: "Folk Remedies".

WEDNESDAY, January 15

- 7:30pm Mature Students Club Meeting. Commons Block 203-204.
- 8:00pm The University Women's Club of Victoria, January meeting: Room 163, Cornett Bldg. Speaker, Margaret Martin. "My Life as Emily Carr".
- 8:00pm B.Mus. degree recital. MacLaurin 144. Joan Watson, French horn, with Anne Crose, piano.

THURSDAY, January 16

- 12:30pm Meeting, UVic Women's Action Group. Craigdarroch 203.

FRIDAY, January 17

- 12:30pm Student Composers. MacLaurin 144.
- 2:30pm Education meeting. MacLaurin 169.
- 3:30pm Faculty Association meeting. Elliott 167.
- 3:30pm General Lecture. Cornett 170. Dr. Paul C. Vitz of New York University. "Parallel Developments in Visual Science and Visual Art in the last 100 years".
- 4:30pm Men's Basketball. UVic new gym. Trinity Western vs. UVic Jayvees.
- 6:30pm Women's Basketball. UVic new gym. U. of Lethbridge vs. UVic Vikettes.
- 8:30pm Men's Basketball. UVic new gym. U. of Lethbridge vs. UVic Vikings.

SATURDAY, January 18

- 4:30pm Men's Basketball. UVic new gym. Columbia Bible Inst. vs. UVic Jayvees.
- 6:30pm Women's Basketball. UVic new gym. U. of Lethbridge vs. UVic Vikettes.
- 7:00pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144. "The Emigrants" (Sweden 1969).
- 8:30pm Men's Basketball. UVic new gym. U. of Lethbridge vs. UVic Vikings.
- 9:30pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144. "The Emigrants" (Sweden 1969).

SUNDAY, January 19

- 4:00pm Sundayafternoon. MacLaurin 144. Premiere performance of a piece written by Murray Adaskin for the Pacific Wind Quintet. Also Boyde Hood's "Incantations", and Selena James, soprano.
- 8:00pm UVic Film Society. MacLaurin 144. "Days and Nights in the Forest", (India 1969). Non-members admitted if space available.

MONDAY, January 20

- 4:00pm Biology Department Seminar. Cunningham 1018. Dr. R. Peter, Department of Zoology, University of Alberta. "Neuroendocrine control in teleosts".
- 8:15pm Lecture, University Extension Association. Elliott 168. "Limits of Growth", Bruce Hutchison, Editorial Director, Vancouver Sun.

TUESDAY, January 21

- 4:00pm Men's Basketball. UVic new gym. Simon Fraser U. vs. UVic Jayvees.
- 4:30pm Women's Basketball. UVic new gym. U. of Regina vs. UVic Vikettes.
- 6:00pm Men's Basketball. UVic new gym. Simon Fraser U. vs. UVic Vikings.
- 7:30pm Bacteriology, Biochemistry Seminar. Clearihue 267. Dr. B. Beardsmore, Department of French. "Romance".

WEDNESDAY, January 22

- 3:30pm Graduate Studies meeting. Cornett 158.
- 8:00pm B.Mus. degree recital. MacLaurin 144. Lorren Culley, baritone, with Lorna Paterson, piano.



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